



# Bitterroot National Forest

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#### **"Human Remains found on West Fork Ranger District"**

Hamilton, Montana, May 16, 2007 — Hikers reported finding human remains near the Flat Creek trail on the West Fork Ranger District on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Officers from the Ravalli County Sheriff's and Coroner's Office, and the Bitterroot National Forest responded to the report. The skeleton of a man, which appeared to have been in place for 1 or more years, was transported to the State Crime Lab in Missoula on Friday evening.

The investigation is continuing, and Ravalli County Officers are working to determine the identity of the remains and the cause of death.

No additional information is available at this time. Ravalli County Sheriff Chris Hoffman will release new information as it becomes available.

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